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ATHENS PASS SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), TU  
SUBJECT: TURKISH MEDIA COVERAGE OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO TURKEY

SECSTATE'S ANKARA VISIT INITIATED ERA OF EXPANDED U.S.-TURKISH  
DIALOGUE. THIS IS THREAD RUNNING THROUGH TURKISH MEDIA IN TODAY'S  
(JANUARY 22) REPORTING OF JUST CONCLUDED VANCE VISIT. IT IS ALSO  
THEME OF TODAY'S ONLY EDITORIAL ON VISIT, PUBLISHED BY CONSERVATIVE  
TERCUMAN.

MEDIA REPORTING ON VANCE VISIT DOMINATED BY ACCOUNTS OF PRIME  
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MINISTER'S PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING SECSTATE'S DEPARTURE. COMMON  
THEME CARRIED BY MOST PAPERS EMERGED FROM ECEVIT STATEMENT,  
"WE HAVE DISCUSSED MANY WORLD ISSUES AND U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS.  
THIS MORNING'S MEETING WAS DESIGNED TO PUT ALL CARDS ON THE  
TABLE. WE BOTH AGREED TO CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN OUR  
TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FUTURE."

DESCRIBING THE DISCUSSIONS, THE PRESS REPORTS ECEVIT AS  
HAVING MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS AND  
CYPRUS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT BE LINKED.

PRIME MINISTER POINTED OUT THAT LIFTING OF EMBARGO WILL  
IMPROVE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

TURKEY EXPRESSED HER DESIRE TO UPDATE DCA TO BRING IT INTO  
TUNE WITH CHANGED CONDITIONS SINCE AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED.

IMPROVEMENT IN U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE  
CONFINED TO MILITARY ISSUES BUT SHOULD INCLUDE ECONOMIC AND  
OTHER ISSUES AS WELL.

THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF TURKISH-SOVIET RELATIONS  
DURING ECEVIT-VANCE MEETING.

WHILE NEARLY ALL PAPERS CARRY THE ABOVE, CONSERVATIVE  
TERCUMAN ALONE REPORTS PRIME MINISTER GAVE SEPARATE PRESS CONFERENCE  
TO FOREIGN PRESS WHERE, IN REPLY TO QUESTIONS, HE MADE THOSE  
POINTS:

TURKEY HAS NEVER THOUGHT OF QUITTING NATO.

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HE DID NOT ASK VANCE, OR ANYONE ELSE, TO ACT AS MEDIATOR  
BETWEEN TURKEY AND GREECE.

TURKEY MAY WITHDRAW HER TROOPS FROM THE ISLAND IF THE  
SECURITY OF THE CYPRIOT TURKS IS ASSURED (LITERAL TRANSLATION  
FROM TERCUMAN WHICH PARAPHRASES ECEVIT).

TURKEY IS WILLING TO ENTER INTO A HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE  
WITH GREECE.

IN WHAT IT BILLED AS A "NEWS ANALYSIS" (AS CONTRASTED WITH  
AN EDITORIAL), MASS APPEAL DAILY HURRIYET SAID, "AS ECEVIT  
POINTED OUT TO VANCE, TURKEY WILL REMAIN IN THE WESTERN WORLD.  
BUT TURKEY IS IN NEED OF WEAPONS. TURKEY ALSO NEEDS AMERICA'S  
INFLUENCE WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS. THE KEY  
WHICH WILL UNLOCK THESE DOORS IS TURKEY'S MOVE TOWARD A PEACEFUL  
SOLUTION IN CYPRUS. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. THIS IS WHAT ECEVIT  
IS CONCENTRATING ON THESE DAYS....HE IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK."  
HURRIYET'S ANALYSIS CONCLUDES, "THE TURKISH PREMIER HAS MADE IT  
CLEAR THAT TURKEY'S NATIONAL DEFENSE HAS WEAKENED AS A RESULT OF  
THE EMBARGO. TURKEY'S SECURITY NEEDS CANNOT BE LEFT DANGLING ANY  
LONGER. THE U.S. MUST HURRY. IF SHE (U.S.) REALLY REGARDS TURKEY

AS A WESTERN ALLY AND MEMBER OF NATO, SHE SHOULD LIFT THE EMBARGO  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

LINKING IT TO THE VANCE VISIT, HURRIYET  
GIVES PROMINENT, FRONT-PAGE PLAY TO (JANUARY 21) STATEMENT  
BY TURKISH DEFENSE MINISTER, HASAT ESAT TSIK. IN REPLY TO  
QUESTION BY TURKEY'S NEWS SERVICE (THA), HURRIYET REPORTS HIM  
AS SAYING, "OUR RELATIONS WITH NATO WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDING  
TO NATO'S CONTRIBUTION TO MEETING TURKEY'S NATIONAL SECURITY  
REQUIREMENTS." PAPER BANNERED STORY, "NATO WILL GET ONLY AS  
MUCH AS IT GIVES."

OTHER PAPERS ALSO CARRY STORY, BUT ON INSIDE PAGES AND DO  
NOT, REPEAT NOT, LINK IT TO VANCE VISIT.  
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SENSATIONAL GUNAYDIN QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES FOR ITS  
REPORT THAT SECSTATE WAS INFORMED THAT U.S. FAILURE TO LIFT  
EMBARGO WOULD RESULT IN A DRAW-DOWN OF TURKISH TROOPS ASSIGNED  
TO NATO TO A MERE SYMBOLIC NUMBER.

IN THE ONLY EDITORIAL OF TODAY, TERCUMAN SAID THAT WHILE A  
SHORT MEETING CANNOT QUICKLY RESOLVE ALL ISSUES, "... ONE OF THE  
MOST POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE (VANCE-ECEVIT) TALKS WAS THE MUTUAL  
AGREEMENT TO CONTINUE THESE TALKS IN THE FUTURE." THE EDITORIAL  
ALSO EXPRESSES THE HOPE THAT THE MELLOWING IN U.S.-TURKISH RE-  
LATIONS WILL LEAD "TO THE LIFTING OF THE SECRET ECONOMIC EMBARGO"  
AND EASE THE PRESSURES ON THE TURKISH ECONOMY.  
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